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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 451
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A RESOLUTION To honor the memory of William Robert Alcorn
of New Union, Tennessee.

WHEREAS, The members of the Tennessee General Assembly were deeply saddened to learn of the death of William Robert Alcorn, a valued resident of New Union, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Alcorn had served as a Test Facility Craftsman at the Arnold Engineering and Development Center and was also a farmer; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Alcorn was the son of the late Robert Fred and Jessie Geneva Bartlett Alcorn; his parents taught him at an early age the timeless values of hard work and community service; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Alcorn served bravely as a member of the United States Air Force Air Transport Command during World War II, flying challenging missions during which he transported supplies from India to China over the Himalayan Mountains; and

WHEREAS, He was a beloved forty-four-year resident of the New Union Community and was always glad to lend a helping hand to those in need; and

WHEREAS, His hobbies included being a taxidermist and a beekeeper; and

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WHEREAS, He served God faithfully as an active member of the Goosepond United Methodist Church; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Alcorn is survived by his wife, Marie Alcorn of Manchester; children, William Robert "Bob" Alcorn, Jr. of Knoxville; Dorothy Shelton of Hillsboro; Rebecca Anderson and her husband, Bill, of Franklin; Nancy Alcorn of Nashville; Barbara Wood and her husband, Ron of Manchester; and Susie Alcorn of Nashville; sisters, Mary Clifford of Shelbyville; Shirley McCormick of Mount Olive, Alabama; Jean Burrum of Goodrich, Michigan, and Sue Schnabel of Tampa, Florida; granddaughters, Kimberly Shelton Stiffel, Rachel Pilkinton, Karen Shelton Smith, Melissa Shelton, Kathryne Anderson, Janet Wood, and Meg Alcorn and grandsons, Jake Shelton, Jesse Pilkinton, Andy Wood, Ryan Shelton, William Robert "Bo" Alcorn III, and J. Clark Anderson IV; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Alcorn was preceded in death by his daughter, Beverly Alcorn, brother, Joe Allen Alcorn and sister, Mildred Brown; and

WHEREAS, It is fitting that we pause in our deliberations to honor the memory of this most distinguished citizen of our state; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we honor the memory of William Robert Alcorn and express our sympathy to his family and friends, for it is very rare that a person of his eminent stature walks among us.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.